

REMARKS

This Supplemental Response is to the Official Action dated January 8, 2009 and supplements the response filed on April 3, 2009. During a review of the file for this Application, Applicants found a reference not previously submitted to the Office; Mark S. Baird, Brendan Grehan, and Syed N. Huda, *Tetrahedron Letters*, 36, No. 52, pp. 9541-9542 (1995), a copy of which is included in the Supplemental Information Disclosure statement submitted concurrently with this paper. Applicants apologize for this oversight.

The amendment to Claim 1 is to disclaim two compounds disclosed in the Baird reference; 1-butyl-2-(3-methylbut-2-enyl)cyclopropene and 2-(4'-methoxybenzyl)-1-pentylcyclopropene. The amendment to Claim 11, line 2 of a) is for clarification.

The disclosure of the Baird reference is, in many ways, similar to the disclosure of the Minkin reference discussed in the April 3, 2009 response in that Baird discloses studies on an unusual rearrangement of 1-allyl and 1-benzylcyclopropenes. That is, this reference is concerned with mechanistic studies of rearrangements of certain specifically substituted cyclopropenes as a potential synthetic route to 1,2-disubstituted bicyclo[1.1.0]butanes (see p.9542, last line). As with the Minkin reference, one skilled in the art would not view this reference as being relevant to Applicants' claimed cyclopropenes, which are intended for use as inhibitors of the ethylene response in plants.

With this amendment and response, Applicants believe that the prior rejections have been overcome and, even in light of the new reference, the claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any suggestions which may put the Application in better condition for allowance, Applicants' attorney is willing to discuss any such suggestions either by phone or at the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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